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TWIGG'S VACHTING EXPERIENCE.

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He commences to build his yacht. Struck with an idea, he hastens to the ship-yard to inform the builder, when he gets struck in return, which knocked the idea and two teeth completely out



The yacht is however built, and he proceeds to stock it for a bay trip. His joy and his provisions are equally manifest. He invites a few friends to share both of them.



They make their choice of grub for the trip. The sansage fulls to Twigg's lot. The demijohn falls to the deck.



Wednesday-A stiff breeze on the water and a "stiff" glass on the yacht have made the erew unsteady on their feet-the helmsman particularly.



An upset sobers them enough to distinguish which side of the boat to get on when the other side is in the water. Among their provisions they made no provision for this.



They are rescued and dragged ingloriously to shore by the fishermen on the beach, who notice their unscampulike behavior. Their yacht is not dragged to shore, but goes on its way, "All the world before it where to choose." New Books.

Some writers seem to faney there is something in a name, at any rate as far as regards a work of fiction. Perhaps they think that readers are attracted by a title, like plebeian millionaires. We shall not be surprised if, before the year be over, the following new works are announced as being "nearly ready" for the public:-

Corks or Bladders. By the Author of Sink or

The Harvest of a Busy B. By the Author of The Harvest of a Quiet 1.

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Winks through a Window, A Sensation Se-

quel to Lights through a Lattice. Goodslempered Greengagez. A Romantie Novel, written by the Author of Cross Currants. "Mike, why don't you fire at those ducks?

Don't you see you have got the whole flock before your gun?" "I know I have; but, you see, when I get a good aim at one, two or three others will swim

right 'twixt him and me.' An intelligent Democrat recently said, in the soberest good faith, "I like Johnson well enough, but why does he give a post-office to that fool Nasby?"

Woman's Word-Book.

est breeze produces plaintive sounds.

tume for evening wear.

seen near.

out of hot

bred.

tion.

Nag, to.—The question by torture.

Nature.—A goddess whose footsteps we pretend to worship and use every art to deface. Nacy .- The complement of the sca-sons. Neat,-The spirit of order.

Neck or Nothing .- The most fashionable cos-

Nerves .- An Æolian harp on which the slight-

Nobility .- A patent worth a hundred inven-

Nursery .- A nest the parent birds are seldom

Nymph .- A fabled malden who lived in cold

water, and by the help of the gods was seldom

Oats, wild .- Seed productive of chaff and bad

Object .- Any one to whom she has an objec-

Occasion .- The by-path which leads just as

Paint, for the face .- Contraband colors

Pair. The fruit of the tree of knowledge of

Laughing in the Pulpit,

Said Mr. C ... a Presbyterian minister of

some notoriety, "I never laughed in the pulpit

only on one occasion, and that came near pro-

curing my dismissal from the ministry. At one

of the first discourses I was called to deliver,

subsequent to my ordination, after reading my

text and opening my subject, my attention was

directed to a young man with a very toppish

dress and a head of exceeding red hair. In a

slip immediately behind this young gentleman

sat an urchin, who must have been urged on in

his deviltry by the Evil One himself, for I do

not conceive the youngster thought of the jest

he was playing off on the spruced dandy in

front of him. The boy held his forefinger in the

red hair of the young man about as long as a

blacksmith would a nail rod in the fire to heat,

and then on his knee commenced pounding his

finger in imitation of a smith in making a nail.

The whole thing was so ludierous that I laughed,

the only time that I ever disgraced the pulpit

Extreme Politeness.

Etiquette requires, in the Chinese conversa-

tion, that each should compliment the other and

everybody belonging to him in the most lamba-

tory style, and deprecate himself, with all per-

taining to him, to the lowest possible point. The

following is no exaggeration, though not the

What is your honorable name?

My insignificant appellation is Chang.

How many are your illustrions children?

How is the health of your distinguished

My mean, good-for-nothing old woman is well.

A good man, but ill instructed, out West, had

call to preach. Being unable to read, he em-

ployed a triend to read the selection from the

Scriptures. On one occasion the chapter was the

twenty-second of Genesis, which contains these

words:- "These elight did Mileah bear to Nahor,

Abram's brother," From these words he pro-

eceded as follows: - "Brethren and sisters, let us

consider our blessings. We have all the com-

forts of life. We have flocks and herds, and

gladness. Morning and evening our wives and

daughters milk the cows, and our wants are all

supplied. In the days of old Abram the case

was different; for then, as you have heard, it

"Why, pa, I'm going to dye my doll's pinatore

"Who on earth told you that beer would dye

"Why, mn said it was beer that made your

lamentable fact in regard to the present spring.

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"the C's on is backward," and so it is,

we recently noticed the following:- "Mr.

which a long-headed friend interprets to mean

Among the oblinary notices of a country paper

of Malvern, aged eighty-three, passed peacefully

away, on Tuesday evening last, from single

A foppish nobleman, who saw Descartes en-

joying himself at the table, having expressed

A Minnesota editor says that a man came into-

his office to advertise for a lost dog, and that

"Father, why don't we ever see any taces at

the window?" asked a son of his parent, as they

were passing an Insane asylum. "Because their

heads are turned," was the affectionate father's

The following is Aunt Bersy's description of

the top, then turns it over and skime the

"Any seats in the next car?" asked a passen-

ger in a crowded car of a waggish conductor.

"Plenty of 'em," was the reply; "but" (as the

passenger gathered up his effects preparatory to

-A little boy, returning from the Sunday

School, said to his mother, "Ma, ain't there a

kitten-chism for little boys? The catechism is

-The attempt to start an asylum for useless

An aged barnelor being asked if he ever wit-

nessed a public execution, replied:-"No; but I

Those who go to law for damages are pretty

Woman's crowning glory-her bonnet. A

A young woman's conundrum. Who is our

young men falled, as no building could be con-

good things were only made for fools?"

writing out the advertisement!

emigrating) "they are all full !"

structed large enough,

once saw a marriage.

small glory nowadays.

favorite Roman hero?-Marius.

sure to get them.

"What are you doing there, Jane?"

"But what have you got to dye it?"

"Here, Susan, take this child."

Where is your magnificent palace?

My contemptible but is at Luchan.

My vile, worthless brats are five.

with anything like mirth."

precise words:-

DOUSE ?

much at that.

"Beer,"

nose so red, and-

of thirty-five."

red?"

often over the cliff as into the main road.

Opera .- The ladies' show-room.

hoisted by a privateer.

good and evil.

Oyster .- A Chablis-treated bivalve. Padding. Stuff and nonsense.

Insect Plagues of the Upper Amazons.

From Chambers' Journal None but those who have travelled on the Upper Amazons can have any idea of the number and voracity of the insect torments which work their wicked will on the bodies of the unfortunates exposed to their attacks.

There is a fly which burrows in the skin and deposits an egg, both in human beings and animals. This produces a maggot, similar in shape to that of the common blowfly, but much larger. Of course, inflamma-tion in the part, followed by suppuration and discharge or extraction of the foreign body, take place. Although the maggot is probably analogous to the Guinea worm, it differs from it in being always discharged entire, whereas the Guinea worm requires very eareful and gradual extraction.

Then there are 'chigos, which burrow mostly in the soles of the feet. You feel an intense itching, and on examination, find a little thing like a pea just under the epidermis; this is the bag containing the young chigos, which must be carefully picked out with the point of a knife, and the cavity left filled with tobacco-ash. It is said that if the bag is broken, and the young chigos escape, serious consequences will result. This, however, we do not believe, as we have broken many in the act of extracting them from our own feet; but always using plenty of obacco-ash, we never experienced any inconvenience. Huge spiders abound, whose very appearance inspires a wholesome dread of a nearer acquaintance, but which are harmless enough if let alone. In fact, on board our steamers, almost every cabin was tenanted by one large spider, whose presence was tolerated on account of his being a deadly foe to cockroaches, which abominable creatures used to swarm on board. Sometimes he would not be visible for a fortnight or more at a time; but he would leave tokens that he was "all there," in the shape of the empty husks of cockroaches, from which he had care fully abstracted the interior. These spiders have the power of springing upon their prey from a distance, and some of them are so large and powerful as to kill and devour small

In passing through the narrow forest paths, it is necessary to be on the lookout for the wood-ticks, which are very difficult to get rid of, if once firmly attached; also for the huge black ants, an inch and a half in length, with stings like a hornet's; and the sauba ant, without sting, but armed with nippers like a pair of surgical bone-forceps, which are running about everywhere. One may sometimes chance upon a column of the dreaded 'fireants, marching in regular military order; and if you do, the only thing is to bolt at once, for neither man nor beast may withstand the fireant and live. Occasionally one remarkt the slender form of a tree-snake gliding away, or the deadly 'tuen-riju' basking in a samny spot; while from out the mossy roots of the great trees, quaint little horned frogs peer at you and startled lizards patter away over the dead leaves. When at length you stop to rest, take care to examine your camping ground, lest you find that centipede or scorpion may fancy the same locality.

Frequently on board our steamer both centipedes and scorpions would be killed, increduced no doubt in the wood used for fuel. One day, as we were watching the hands taking wood from canoes alongside, from one of the logs pitched on board was dislodged a scorpion, which fell on the naked left arm of a man keeping tally at the gangway. Astonished by his sudden flight through the air, the animal remained perfectly still. The man never moved a muscle, and quietly raising his right hand tlipped it away with his tingers and thumb. It was very neatly and coolly done; and he thus escaped a sting which he no doubt would have received had he tried to brush it hastily took eight to milk a bear, and they didn't get away. Ants are a horrid plague, both affort and ashore. It is amusing to see a host of small ants carrying off the body of a defunct cockroach, giving one the idea of mice departing with a dead elephant. But they are a great nuisance. They will not, however, walk over cotton wool; and anything placed on or enclosed by it is safe from them. sauba ants are, we think, the greatest depredators of any. They form regular communi-ties, where each individual, workers, soldiers, etc., has his own especial line of duty, and are great excavators, Mr. Bates, in his work the "Naturalist on The latest puzzle has relation to a very the Amazon," has given a very capital description of these ants: but we fancy he has omitted to mention the extremely pungent aromatic smell they, or at least their nests, possess. The ants are extremely destructive to caeao plantations, stripping the trees of their leaves; they will carry away a large basket of grain in a single night, should any of them come across it. A migration takes place sometimes from the parent stock, some of the ants becoming winged and flying off. Few, however, escape the Indians, who are blessedness to matrimonial bliss, after a short always on the watch for these migrations, and by whom these winged ants are considered rather but sudden attack by Mrs. ---, a blooming widow a bonne bouche. They catch and stuff them into bottles, occasionally lightening the work by pulling the wings off one, and devouring him alive. We never had the courage to surprise that a philosopher should exhibit such taste one, although we have partaken of fondness for good obeer, got this answer for his many strange dishes. 'Monkey' and 'parrot pains:-"And pray, my lord, did you think that are both good, 'tapir' and 'manatee' not bad, and peccary A1: but we never ate a sauba ant; nor could we ever taste a drink much affected by the Indians, and called 'massato, of which there is generally a large jar standsuch was the wonderful power of advertising, ing in the corner of every Indian dwelling. the dog walked into his office while he was They always offer it to visitors; but their mode of so doing is not inviting, as it consists in a black or rather copper-colored paw being thrust into the aforesaid jar, which contains a sort of pulp, and bringing up a handful, which is squeezed into a calabash, and placed at your disposal. This pulp is, however, produced by means which, from imwillingness to disturb the stomachs of our readers, we refrain from relating. Those ants her milkman:—"He is the meanest man in the which escape the Indians fall a prey to flocks of world," she exclaimed. "He skims his milk on hawks and other birds, which make their appearance as soon as ever a migration com-

The Upper Amazons are little known to Englishmen, and in this article we have endeavored to describe a few, and but a few, of the annoyances to which the resident thereon is subject, and which certainly do not augment the charms of a life otherwise by no means luxurious. It will probably surprise many to hear that one gets very tired of turtle. But such is the fact when it forms the basis of every meal; although (and for this hint we believe ourselves entitled to gastronomic gratitude) a young turtle, roasted in its upper shell, is one of the greatest delicacies of an Amazonian dinner, and might be introduced to civilized palates with much advantage. Probatum est.

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